GOD ſaue the KING

CHARLES by the grace of GOD, King of great Britaine, France and Ireland: Defender of the Faith &c. To Our Loveds Meſſingers Our Shireffs in that part conjunctly and ſeverally ſpeciallie conſtitute greeting, Forſamekle as information beeing formerly made vnto Ws, that diverſe children both of Noblemen, and others Our naturall Subiects of this Our Kingdome. Were ſent beyond Sea into Seminaries, Colledges, and other houſes of Popiſh religion, where they were inſtructed and ſtrengthened in Popery, and thereby became not only corrupted in Religion, but poyſoned and infected in their duety and alledgeance. WEE taking that matter, and the dangerous conſequences depending thereon to Our Royall conſideration: WEE were gratiouſly pleaſed out of Our religious and pious diſpoſition towards the advancement of the true religion, and ſuppreſſing of the contrarie, To give order and direction by proclamation for recalling of all the ſaid children of Noblemen and other to this their native Country betwixt and a certaine day now of a long time bygone, Looking that their recalling and returne ſhould have beene a terrour to others Popiſhly affected, to have made their addreſſe hither. But WEE are informed that the reſort and repare of Jeſuits and ſeminarie Prieſts to this Our Kingdome, is now more frequent and common, nor at any time præceeding, and that they not only haunt and frequent in all parts of the Cuntrie where they preſume of favour and freindſhip: But by reaſoning and diſperſing of Bookes, doe what in them lyeth to corrupt Our good Subjects both in their Religion and Allegeance: Wherethrogh the growth of Poperie and nummer of Papiſts daylie increaſſeth, To Our high offence and diſgrace of our Government. And WEE beeing cairfull to contribute by all lawfull and faire meanes to the maitenance and propagation of the true Religion, and to obviat all contrarie courſes that in any wayes may derogat from the ſame.

UR WILL IS herefore, and Wee charge you ſtraitly and commands that incontinent theſe Our letters ſeene, Ye paſſe and in our Name and authoritie command and charge the Moderatours and Brethreen within the ſeverall Presbytries of this Our Kingdome, that they and every one of them within their ſeverall Pariſhes informe themſelves what perſons within their Pariſhes they know to bee popiſhly affected, and that the ſaid Presbytries direct and ſend one of their Brethren as Comiſſioners for them to Our Counſell twiſe every yeare, To wit, vpon the laſt Counſell day of *Junij*, and the laſt Counſell day of *November* yearly, And there to declare vpon their Oath whom thy aſſuredly know within every Pariſh to bee popiſhly affected, And that they give in their reaſons and evidences for inſtructing of the ſame: To the end all faire meanes may bee vſed to-induce them to repare to the Church, and to heare the grounds of true Religion from ſuch perſons as ſhall bee appointed by Our Counſell with adviſe of the two Arch-Biſhoppes for that effect. Certefyeing the Moderatoures and Brethrein of the ſaid presbyteries, if they ſhall bee found remiſſe and negligent heerin, That not onelie ſhall they incurre Our high diſpleaſure for their neglect and diſobedience but ſhall be otherwiſe puniſhed as their ſaid contempt and neglect requires. The which to doe, Wee commit to you conjunctly and ſeverally Our full power by theſe Our Letters delyvering the ſame by you duely execute and indorſed againe to the bearer. Giuen vnder our Signet at Haly-rud-houſe the tent daye of Julii, and of our raigne the fourth yeare. 1628.

Per actum D. Secreti Conſilii.

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